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## The European High Yield Association Makes Mid-Term Appointments to its Board of Directors

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**London** – At a Board meeting yesterday, the European High Yield Association (EHYA) appointed **Craig Abouchar** of Insight Investment as chairman after serving as vice-chairman last year, and **Bryant Edwards** of Latham & Watkins, the previous chairman, as vice-chairman.

“As the EHYA’s chairman for the last 2 ½ years, Bryant has been a visionary in building the Association. He has also been instrumental in the last year helping the EHYA become an independent forum of SIFMA,” said Micah Green, co-CEO of SIFMA, who was at the board meeting yesterday.

The 36-member Board of Directors, which includes representatives from investment banks, asset managers, law firms, accounting firms and rating agencies will continue to examine and address the most significant issues in the fast growing European marketplace.

The Board also approved the appointment of **Gareth Noonan**, Managing Director of Leveraged Finance Capital Markets at Merrill Lynch, and current co-chair of the EHYA Events Committee, to the Executive Committee. **Mathew Cestar**, Managing Director, Head of European High Yield Capital Markets at Credit Suisse, is stepping down from the EHYA’s Executive Committee but will, however, remain on the EHYA’s main Board.

**Martin Reeves**, Senior Vice President, Director European Fixed Income and Director European Credit Research at Alliance Bernstein and **Nick Shaw**, Partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP will also join the EHYA Board.

## **Notes to Editors**

The **European High Yield Association** is a non-profit trade association representing participants in the European high yield market. Membership is open to banks, investors, issuers, lawyers, accountants, research analysts, traders and rating agencies. The EHYA is an independent, self-funded forum of SIFMA (The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association). For more information, visit [www.ehya.com](http://www.ehya.com).